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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ **FACULTY MEETING** –A special faculty meeting regarding the CEFM Search is scheduled for TODAY at 2:30 pm in 119 Classroom Office Building.

## SEMINARS

- ▶ **TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR** – Shinya Takamatsu, Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics will speak on “Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Spillover Effects within Households in Nicaragua” TODAY, October 16 from 10:30 to 11:45 am in Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ **APPLIED ECONOMICS SEMINAR** – Joe Ritter, Associate Professor and David Bael, Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics will speak on “Testing for Racial Profiling in Minneapolis Traffic Stops,” on THURSDAY, October 22 from 10:30 am to Noon, Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ **MINNESOTA POPULATION CENTER (MPC)** – Trent Alexander and Katie Genadek, MPC Education and Outreach Core will present “An Overview of Data Resources at the Minnesota Population Center,” on Monday, October 19 from 12:15-1:15 pm in 50 Willey Hall.
- ▶ **BROWN BAG SEMINAR** – The second seminar in the Human Capital Research Collaborative Faculty Research Seminar Series will take place on Tuesday, October 20 from Noon to 1:00 pm in the Commons (Room 205) at the Humphrey Institute. The featured speaker is Aaron Sojourner, Carlson School of Management, who will present “Preschool Developmental Dynamics: Evidence from the Infant Health & Development Program.”
- ▶ **FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT SERIES** – Deborah Swackhamer, Co-director, Water Resources Center will speak on “Fixing our Toxics Problem: Ivory Tower or White Castle?” on Wednesday, October 21 from Noon to 1:00 pm in the IonE Seminar Room, 380 VoTech Building.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

TODAY – John Bernard, University of Delaware interviews for CEFM position

TODAY – Trade & Development Seminar: Shinya Takamatsu, Ph.D. candidate, 10:30 am, Room 119

TODAY – Special Faculty Meeting regarding CEFM Search at 2:30 pm in Room 119

October 21 – Wednesday Department Coffee Break at 10:00 am, South End, 2nd Floor

October 22 – Applied Economics Seminar: Joe Ritter & David Bael, Applied Economics, 10:30 am, Room 119

October 30 – Halloween Potluck from 11:30 am-1:00 pm in Room 119

## OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **JOB MARKET WORKSHOP SERIES** – On the next three Mondays, October 19 and 26 and November 2, Jay Coggins will lead a series of workshops for all graduate students on managing the job market. The series will be aimed both at students who plan to be on the market this year and at students who are a year or two away. One can't begin planning too early. The sessions will be held in 119 Classroom Office Building from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The first covers how to prepare for and participate effectively in the academic and government/international agency markets. The second covers the search process from the department's perspective and, closely related, how to handle interviews. The third will be led by Professors Glewwe and Roe and will cover the markets at USDA, IFPRI, the World Bank, and other public institutions.
- ▶ **MPC DATA TRAINING WORKSHOPS** – Learn to access free social science and health data. The Minnesota Population Center (MPC) is one of the world's leading developers of demographic data resources. In these hands-on workshops, local researchers will learn about the content of the data resources and receive basic information about how to get and use the data, which are available free over the internet. Workshops are free but limited to 20 people. The next workshop is Friday, October 23 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm in Room S230C Wilson Library. Please email [training@pop.umn.edu](mailto:training@pop.umn.edu) to register. For more information on the data available and the workshop series, visit: <http://www.ipums.org>

## PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ *Special Issue: The Future of Biofuels and National Energy Strategy: A US Perspective*, edited by Calestous Juma, C. Ford Runge and Robbin Johnson, *International Journal of Biotechnology*, v.11, no.1/2, 2009.
- ▶ Davis, Elizabeth E.; Li, NaiChia. "Regional Variation in Child Care Prices: A Cross-State Analysis." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, v.39, no.1, 2009.
- ▶ Juma, Calestous; Runge, C. Ford; Johnson, Robbin. "Introduction." IN: *Special Issue: The Future of Biofuels and National Energy Strategy: A US Perspective*, edited by Calestous Juma, C. Ford Runge and Robbin Johnson, *International Journal of Biotechnology*, v.11, no.1/2, 2009.

## JOBS

**For further information on these jobs, visit the October Job File in Waite Library.**

- ▶ **NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE** is seeking a Rural and Agribusiness Enterprise Development Specialist. This new position is 100% non-tenured and based in Bismarck, North Dakota. The position will provide program leadership to help North Dakota agri-entrepreneurs achieve their potential. Responsibilities include developing educational materials and delivering programs needed by entrepreneurs, existing business owners, and community leaders to create new wealth for North Dakota residents and communities by extending and expanding their capacities to take advantage of new markets, technologies and business opportunities. Screening begins on November 11, 2009 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. Visit <https://jobs.ndsu.edu> to review a complete position description and/or to apply. Search for posting number 0900221.